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Ministerial Personals

Rev. L. H. Buckshorn died at Westford, Mass., July 7th in his fifty-fourth year. He had served the churches at Westford, Concord, N. H., and Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Rev. W. H. Pierson died at Somerville, Mass., on August 6, aged eighty years. He had been the honored minister of our church at Fitchburg for ten years, and at Somerville for eighteen years, retiring ten years ago.

Rev. F. A. Gilmore died at Grand Manan on August 7 in his fifty-fifth year. He had served the church at Haverhill, Mass., for six years, at Madison, Wis., for seventeen years, was for two years Field Secretary of the Association for the Middle States and Eastern Canada, and was recently settled at Houlton, Me.

Rev. W. R. Cole died at Cohasset, Mass., August 21, in his fifty-fourth year. He was for four years the minister at Atlanta, Ga., and then for twenty-three years was minister of the First Parish of Cohasset.

Rev. M. J. Miller died at Geneseo, Ill., in his eighty-ninth year. He was a Chaplain in the Civil War and settled at Geneseo in 1868, remaining there as minister and Pastor Emeritus until his death.

Rev. E. C. Smith, formerly Secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference, has accepted a call to Meadville, Pa.

Rev. C. W. Reese has resigned at Des Moines, Ia., and succeeded Mr. Smith as Secretary at the Chicago office.

Rev. D. R. Lupton has resigned at Louisville, Ky., and accepted a call to Cleveland, O.

Rev. M. B. Townsend has resigned at Nashua, N. H., and accepted a call to Attleboro, Mass.

Rev. J. M. Evans has resigned at Dayton, O., to take charge of the work at Lincoln Centre and All Souls' Church, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. E. C. Davis has resigned at Pittsfield, Mass., and accepted a call to Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. F. K. Gifford has resigned at Farmington, Me., Rev. J. W. Tickle at Ellsworth, Me., and Rev. F. T. Crane at Sterling, Mass.

Rev. L. A. Walker has taken charge of the churches at East and West Bridgewater, Mass.

Mr. Earl F. Cook, of the graduating class at Meadville, has accepted a call to Quincy, Ill.

Rev. J. N. Mark has accepted a call to Uxbridge, Mass., and Rev. W. W. Peck a call to West Upton, Mass.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield has resigned at Littleton, Mass., and taken charge of the churches at Long Beach and Santa Ana, Cal.

Rev. H. H. Saunderson has resigned at West Somerville, Mass., and accepted a call to the First Parish of Brighton.

Rev. R. E. Akin has accepted a call to Louisville, Ky.

Rev. E. H. Reeman has resigned at Trenton, N. J., to accept a call to Des Moines, Ia.

Rev. O. E. Helsing, Rev. J. F. Krolfifer, Rev. M. Mohler and Rev. M. Fereshetian have been appointed Ministers-at-Large in the Department of Church Extension of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Helsing is at work among the Danes and Norwegians in Wisconsin—Minnesota; Mr. Krolfifer has been in charge, during the summer, of the church at Lincoln, Mass., and now goes to Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. Mohler will take charge at Lawrence and Topeka, Kan.; and Mr. Fereshetian will work for a month at Colorado Springs and then reopen the churches at Fort Collins and Salt Lake City.

Buildings

The destruction of the Community Church, formerly the Church of the Messiah, in New York by fire, and the sale of the Lenox Avenue Church, presents some new and interesting problems for our cause in the metropolitan city. The Community Church held its first service after the fire in All Souls' Church and is now occupying the New Amsterdam Theatre. The Lenox Avenue society will presumably buy and build in a new location.

The interior of the church in Baltimore, Maryland, has been put in beautiful new order to welcome the coming of the General Conference on October 14th. The church in Charleston, S. C.; the Follen Church in East Lexington and the First Church in Medfield have also been painted and refurnished. A new arrangement of the Chancel has been brought about at Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The house at 16 Beacon Street is being completely renovated and prepared for its new occupancy. A new heater has been installed, electric wiring placed all over the house, new plumbing put in, and the house should be ready for its new service by the middle of October. The Unitarian Book Room and the offices of the Christian Register will thereafter be found on the first floor, and the Department of Religious Education will have its offices on the second floor. The third floor will be occupied by the offices of the Young People's Religious Union and the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, and the top floor will later be made into a dormitory for visiting ministers, and the janitor's apartment. These new accommodations will greatly relieve the congested conditions at 25 Beacon Street.

Journeys

During the summer the President of the Association has kept preaching appointments at Manchester, Petersham, Boston, (King's Chapel) and Nahant, Mass., Walpole, N. H., Houlton and Northeast Harbor, Maine. He helped to conduct the training school for ministers at Tarrytown in July, held conferences with parish committees in Montpelier, Vt., Pittsfield, Mass., and in Aroostook County, Maine, and attended a meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners at Syracuse, N. Y.

The Secretary of the Association has spent the summer visiting Unitarian churches in Great Britain. Mr. Cornish has covered an exceptionally large territory, and kept appointments in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland as well as meeting with many conferences and with the Executive Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

Mr. Simons, the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, has just returned from a journey, visiting Meadville and Erie, Pa.,

Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Niagara Falls, N. Y. He will go to the Baltimore Conference and then hold a series of mission meetings at Wilmington, Del.

The appointments of Dr. Lawrance, Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, for October take him to New York, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Marietta, Wheeling, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Barneveld, Schenectady, Troy and Albany. In New York his engagements are with the Religious Education Association and the Committee for Relief in the Near East. In the other places he will hold brief institutes with conferences and addresses, in the interest of religious education.

Field Secretary Brown has kept recent appointments at Waterville, Maine, Stowe and Burlington, Vt., Milford and Wilton, N. H., and Westford, Mass. After the Conference at Baltimore he will make a prolonged journey along the route indicated: Lynchburg, Va., Chattanooga, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., Oklahoma City, Okla., and so on through Colorado to Utah and Montana.

Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, Chairman of the Council for the General Conference, spent the summer in British Columbia. He preached at Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., and at Seattle, Washington, and on the homeward way stopped to preach at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dr. U. G. B. Pierce of Washington spent most of the summer on the Pacific coast and supplied at the First Church in Seattle for most of the month of August.

Rev. Merle St. C. Wright of New York is returning from a summer journey in the Orient, and Rev. T. Van Ness of Brookline sailed last month for a visit to Japan and China.

Chautauqua

The Unitarian House at Chautauqua had a most interesting and successful summer season. The Chautauqua Institution itself had one of the best sessions for many years, both in attendance and in excellency of program. 172 Unitarians registered at the Unitarian Headquarters. All the rooms in the house were rented and there was a demand for additional accommodations. The attendance at the services was very satisfactory. On four Sundays the house was filled to capacity. The mid-week meetings had a modest attendance, but there were many opportunities for personal interviews and considerable literature was distributed. The house was in charge of Rev. and Mrs. George H. Badger of Orlando, Fla., and Rev. John Malick of Cincinnati and Rev. E. B. Backus of Erie each took a Sunday morning service in August. The attitude of the officers of the Chautauqua Institution was most cordial and the good feeling was thoroughly reciprocated by the occupants of the Unitarian house.

Pilgrim Tercentenary

The Commission on the celebration of the Tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims sent, during the summer, to the ministers of all our churches a letter of greeting, asking co-operation in preparing for an appropriate commemoration of one of the great events of American and of religious history. The significance of the anniversary which falls in December, 1920, makes special appeal to the men and women of the liberal churches of America. The church which the Pilgrims organized at Scrooby in England in 1606, and which later became the First Church in Plymouth, has been Unitarian for over a hundred years. One of the best forms of celebration will be a fresh proclamation of the moral and spiritual ideals of the Pilgrim fathers. Their story should be told to the rising generation of Americans and

their civil and religious ideals studied anew. The hope is expressed by the Commission that all ministers will plan a series of sermons or addresses to be given at intervals through the coming winter and spring. An exceedingly well selected bibliography has been sent to every minister with the titles of the books best worth reading. More recently there has been sent to every minister another circular enclosing a catalogue of slides for an illustrated lecture. These slides can be obtained on application to Miss H. F. Pettes, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. They have been carefully selected and with the annotations give an accurate and vivid picture of the Pilgrim story within the limit of an hour's lecture.

Conferences

The New England Council met in September and arranged interesting plans for the Fall sessions. In accordance with the method which has been followed in recent years the plan is to have a number of speakers who will go from conference to conference and present topics of the hour. Rev. Minot Simons, the new head of the Department of Church Extension of the American Unitarian Association, will speak on missionary opportunities in New England. He seeks opportunity for the fullest information upon the New England field. The Hon. Sanford Bates is to take up practical problems of church administration. At the North Middlesex and Essex Conferences Rev. Henry Gow, D. D., of London, England, will speak. Rev. Miles Hanson of Boston is to present plans for special meetings to be held this fall and winter. In general the plan of these meetings is to ask all Unitarian churches in Eastern Massachusetts about eighty-five in number, to unite in a week of meetings simultaneously. It is hoped that each church will have meetings on two Sundays and every week night between, except Saturday. These will probably begin on the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving. The following week there are to be meetings in Boston in a large hall or theatre. The plan is then to have "follow-up meetings" in the churches the next week. After this it is hoped that Sunday night meetings will be continued in a number of churches or groups of churches throughout the winter, and plans are being made for the Laymen's League to share in these meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is primarily to deepen the spiritual life, and to develop more of the real dynamic of religion itself. They are not simply for the propagation of doctrine or the multiplication of machinery, but for the attainment of spiritual power.

The October meetings of the New England Conferences will be held at the following places: North Middlesex, Oct. 9, at Ayer; Essex, Oct. 10, at Haverhill; Channing, Oct. 28, at New Bedford; Norfolk, Oct. 29, at Quincy; South Middlesex, Oct. 30, at East Lexington; Plymouth and Bay, Oct. 31, at North Easton.

Department of New Americans

The Secretary of the Department made his annual visit to the Scandinavian and Finnish churches of the northwest in the last days of August and first week in September. The first stop was at Winnipeg, the center of our work among the Icelanders of Canada and North Dakota. Here an interesting development is in process. For several years there have been two churches in the city based upon liberal religious principles, the Unitarian and the Independent Lutheran. Wise and far-seeing people in both congregations have felt for some time that the interests of liberal Christianity would be better served if they could unite or federate upon some mutually satisfactory basis. Committees from both churches were appointed to dis-

cuss a plan of union. The death of the Independent Lutheran minister interrupted negotiations for a time, but this spring they were resumed and a platform was prepared, a statement of faith and practice, which proved acceptable to the Unitarian and to nearly all of the Lutheran congregation. Both societies voted to unite on the proposed platform and it had been hoped that before this they would be worshipping together under the same roof. As often happens in such cases, however, the consolidation has not been unopposed. A small faction in the Lutheran church objected to the union and have taken the matter to the courts. The case has not yet been argued, but whatever the decision the Unitarian church will receive a large number of the membership of the Lutheran congregation. It is hoped that the attempt to prevent the union will fail, inasmuch as the teaching of the two churches has been substantially the same, and one strong liberal church will be better than two separate organizations. If the consolidation is finally effected the united congregations will worship in the Lutheran church, a new brick building, well situated and adequately equipped. There are seven or eight churches in the Independent Icelandic Lutheran connection, some in North Dakota and others in the more western Canadian provinces. Should the Winnipeg church vote to unite with the Unitarians, most of these other congregations will probably take similar action. Naturally they will affiliate with the Icelandic Unitarian Conference and the liberal movement among the Icelanders will become much stronger and more aggressive.

The crying need in the liberal churches of both names is more ministers. Rev. Mr. Petursson, our field secretary, had expected to visit Iceland this summer in the effort to secure two or three liberal-minded men from the Divinity School in Reykjavik for our own Unitarian Icelandic churches. The withdrawal of the ship upon which he had taken passage, and his inability to secure passage upon any other vessel sailing in time to get back before winter, compelled him to postpone his trip until next spring. Several of the professors in the University and Divinity School at Reykjavik are in cordial sympathy with Unitarian teaching, and there are young men in the State Church of Iceland who would be acceptable to liberal congregations on this side of the water. It is to be earnestly hoped that the staff of ministers can be increased in this or some other way, for without any effort on our part more invitations for Unitarian services are being received from Icelandic settlements than can possibly be accepted by the two faithful men now available.

Department of Religious Education

It is a remarkable group of testimonials that is brought together in the circular that has just been issued in the interest of the Beacon Course in Religious Education. One wonders if such a "consensus of the competent" has ever before been brought together. If one were to write down the names of the foremost leaders in religious education in America, regardless of denominational connections, and then compare these with the names appearing in the circular, all commending the Beacon Course with unreserved approval, the two name-groups would be found to be almost identical.

The whole enterprise of religious education has undergone revolutionary changes in the last ten years. These changes do not affect merely the appearance of manuals and the improvement of teaching methods, but the underlying principles involved, and, as a consequence, the kind of material to be used. And it is the opinion of experts in other denominations as well as in our own that the Beacon Course, now being

issued, is the only one in existence that frankly accepts and unhesitatingly follows the most advanced teaching in this field. It is the supreme privilege of the Unitarian body to have taken this significant forward step, and leaders in other churches tell us that we are the only body that could do this work at the present time. If, now, we could but announce to the world that *every Unitarian Sunday school in the United States and Canada is using the Beacon Course in Religious Education,* it would not only be an unmatched testimonial to our intellectual and spiritual alertness but would mean that our church in the next generation is to be established in right ideals and securely founded character. The circular referred to has been sent to our superintendents, and should be in the hands of all parents and teachers, as well as all who have at heart the best interests of our young people. It may be had for the asking, from The Beacon Press, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education returned from his long tour in the Near East in July, and went at once to Chicago to take charge of the Summer Institute held there. He was not back in time to attend the institutes at Andover and Star Island, these being directed by Miss Buck. All these institutes brought together earnest workers and able leaders.

A new line of activity is being developed by the Department of Religious Education. This is the holding of "week-end institutes" in our churches in the effort to bring such help as is offered at the summer institutes to all our teachers and officers, so large a number of whom are unable to go to the summer gatherings. Dr. Lawrance has engagements already in twelve churches, and Miss Buck in several others. As the idea spreads, leaders in this work see the possibilities of such intensive efforts, and requests for these institutes are coming in to the office. During the current year it is probable that the Secretaries will not plan to go very far afield, but as rapidly as may be and up to the limit of possibility it is planned to attempt in this way the carrying of help to all our churches.

Three interesting announcements are to be made at the present time, with the expectation of further statement in the next number of *Word and Work.* The first is that a temporary arrangement has been made with Rev. Hugh R. Orr to assist in the enterprises of the Department of Religious Education. Mr. Orr's reputation as an author and his training and experience in the field of religious pedagogy lead us to expect much help in the enlargement and improvement of our work.

The second announcement is that Dr. Sullivan's book "From the Gospel to the Creeds" is now on the press and is confidently expected to be on sale by the end of October. It will not be assigned to any particular year but recommended for use in any senior or advanced class. As a reading-book, for individuals or groups, it will at once take a foremost place among our publications.

The third announcement is that the Department of Religious Education is to remove from the denominational headquarters at 25 Beacon Street to the building immediately across the street. Our new number will be 16 Beacon Street, where, with greatly enlarged rooms and equipment, we hope to do more and better work than ever before.

Publication Department

The fall months promise to be busy ones for the Publication Department. As there are a number of manuscripts in the process of publication, in spite of the ever-rising scale of prices in paper, printing, and binding, and the unavoidable delays due to labor conditions in the print-

ing establishments and binderies, it has thus far been possible to issue our publications with a fair degree of promptness, and at a cost that is not altogether prohibitive.

It has been necessary to advance the selling price of a number of the publications listed in the catalogue of Religious Education publications which has just been issued and in the List of Books which will appear in two weeks. All editions of the Hymn and Tune Book have increased inevitably in price, and it is urgently recommended that any societies which contemplate installing the Hymn Book in the future do so now, before another advance is necessitated. It is not our purpose to give a pessimistic view of affairs in the book world, but merely an effort to explain the position of the Department to the readers of WORD AND WORK.

"Out of Old Paths", by Rev. Miles Hanson, now minister of the First Church in Roxbury, was published in August, and contains the story of his theological pilgrimage from rigid orthodoxy in his native England to liberalism in the United States. It is attractively bound in light brown and gold, and costs one dollar net. This book has already had a good sale.

The 1919 edition of the tract catalogue appeared a few weeks ago, and since that time we have added to the A. U. A. list a new sermon by Dr. Howard N. Brown, No. 293, which is entitled "The Gospel of the Twentieth Century".

Teachers and parents of Sunday-school pupils will be interested in the new circular describing what others think about the "Beacon Course in Religious Education". The circular includes a great variety of comments from authorities in Religious Education in other denominations as well as from leaders in our Unitarian societies.

At the present time the following books are in the printing process: "From the Gospel to the Creeds", by Dr. William L. Sullivan, as a manual in the Beacon Course for advanced students; "The Road to Unity Among the Christian Churches", an address delivered last May by Dr. Charles W. Eliot as the first lecture under the Arthur Emmons Pearson Foundation; "Behold a Sower!" by Mrs. M. Louise C. Hastings, a choice collection of Readings first printed in The Christian Register and now to be published in book form by the Committee on Religion in the Home; an autobiography, entitled "From Bondage to Liberty in Religion", by Rev. George T. Ashley; and "The Heaven of the Moon", and other Poems, by the late Samuel R. Calthrop.

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The Alliance connected with the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore extends a hearty welcome to Alliance friends the country over to gather in their city and church at the time of the General Conference in October! A large attendance is eagerly hoped for.

Tuesday, October 14, at 10 A. M., the Executive Board of The Alliance will hold its regular meeting in the Parish House. At 2.30 P. M., a public meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church open to all who may be interested. Miss Lowell will preside. Rev. Charles A. Wing will voice the welcome, and various lines of Alliance work will be discussed.

Wednesday, October 15, at 1 P. M., the Alliance luncheon will take place at the Emerson, Miss Ida Slade of New York and Mrs. John H. Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., will be toast-mistresses. Tickets for the luncheon at $1.50 each may be obtained at 25 Beacon St., Boston, until Saturday noon October 11, on the special train Boston to Baltimore October 13, and at Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore, Tuesday, October 14, from 9 to 12 o'clock. For the sake of "closer acquaintance, cooperation, and fellowship" every woman who attends is requested to wear a card bearing her name and address.

"A Venture in Friendliness"

By Mrs. Oscar C. Gallagher.

A church whose membership is drawn from one community has an opportunity to share in all the social problems of the community life. The Church of the Disciples, Boston, is not a community church. Its membership is drawn from all the surrounding towns, hardly more than one or two families living in any one neighborhood, yet out of these unusual conditions it has found a unique opportunity of service to its neighborhood.

When our old church in the city was sold, about fifteen years ago, our new church was built out in the Fenway in an undeveloped district. Some one said at the time that it was like "A voice crying in the wilderness." Today, so rapid has been the development of the district in the last few years, though there are no private residences, our church is well nigh enclosed by blocks of apartments containing roughly 1200 suites of rooms. About five years ago, when the district began to take on the form of a neighborhood, the vision grew upon the mind and heart of one of our members, Clara Bancroft Beatley, of the value our church might have for these dwellers so close around us, who yet knew us not. These families in many cases have come from a distance and taken residence for a few months or years in order that some members may have the educational or musical advantages that Boston offers. Many professional people find it a beautiful and convenient location to make their home. Some few families have lived long enough in the district to be classed as permanent residents; but for the most part the apartments are used for a more or less temporary home in Boston. We, of course, found these people to represent many different denominations, but with no church affiliations in Boston, and unacquainted with one another—little isolated units of society with no social cement to bind them together, and no agency to reveal them to each other, or through which to work, for some common cause of interest. Mrs. Beat-

ley's vision saw our church as such an agency, saw in the many interests and activities to which our church might introduce them, the pleasant social cement to join them together and to us in simple friendliness and mutual helpfulness; and at once our Social Service Committee began to work out plans to make the dream come true. The work has been Alliance work only in the sense that it has been done by Alliance women, for it has always been planned and directed by the Social Service Committee of the church. Many women have helped in lesser ways, serving as hostesses, taking part in programs, making friendly calls, etc., but all would wish me to make special mention of the half dozen women of the Social Service Committee who have given especially devoted and enthusiastic service: Mrs. Beatley who initiated the work and has always kept an active interest in it; Miss Helen McCleary who did much of the active work during the first year; Mrs. Louis P. Nash who succeeded her in the committee; and for the last two years when the work has reached such large dimensions, Mrs. E. Roscoe McAfee, Executive Secretary of the Social Service Committee, and Miss Annie Anthony Noyes, Chairman of our Red Cross Committee. Miss Mary Phillips of our Sunday School has brought many friends to the church by her many calls in the district.

The first problem to solve was to introduce ourselves to our neighbors. It was decided to make our library the meeting ground, and cards were printed and put into each mail box of the neighboring apartments inviting our neighbors to use our library on Tuesday afternoons, and to take books for home reading.

A few of our women were always present on those days to greet our new friends, make their visit pleasant, and serve them a social cup of tea. Great care was taken to disarm suspicion that we were proselytizing, and to convince them that our invitations were given in the spirit of pure friendliness with no "string attached." Not until we had become a little acquainted did we ask permission to send our monthly church calendar to them, calling attention to all our church activities and assuring them a welcome at any or all; but special invitations to special events were sent from time to time to keep them reminded of the friendly door always open to them.

Gradually, a few at a time, our neighbors began to drop in, and seemed to enjoy meeting us and one another. Finally it became an established thing to have one neighborhood meeting each month when a short bright program was given and tea served. At first these were given by our church women, but as we became better acquainted many of our neighbors gifted in musical or literary ways frequently offered their services to add to the pleasure of the meetings; and now it has become the custom to have one meeting each year when the neighbors furnish the whole program, provide the tea, and *we* are *their* guests.

Gradually more and more began to attend our various church meetings. They were noted at the Sunday services, several joined the Alliance (14 have joined this year) and many of the children, including, this year, one tiny Chinese boy, attend our Sunday School. Many young members have found much help and pleasure in our Home Department meetings, where studies and discussions are held in matters of child training.

So our pleasant relations had been established when came the war. Our church established a Red Cross Unit and a neighborhood conservation center. For two years the women of the neighborhood joined us in sewing two days each week for the Red Cross.

In 1918 our church raised a fund of over $900 to supply yarn for knitting. The neighborhood gave a musical, and

made the proceeds their contribution to the fund. From this yarn 775 garments, mostly sweaters and socks, were knitted, and the neighborhood furnished 57 knitters. Talks on food conservation and substitutes were given each week in our library, which were attended by fifty or sixty women each time. Cooking demonstrations were held in our church kitchen each week, attended by 25 or 30 neighborhood women. The neighborhood women conducted a War Savings Stamps and Liberty Loan Campaign, and used our library as headquarters.

During the Baby Welfare Campaign of last spring our church was used as a weighing station, and through this several young mothers became interested in our Home Department and books on the training and feeding of children were loaned to them.

This year groups have continued to meet each week to sew for the destitute children of Europe. Between 40 and 50 women of the neighborhood have attended these meetings, and 200 articles have been made. With the exception of layettes and crib blankets, the articles made have been remodeled clothes. During the sewing, talks have been given by experts on food, health, hygiene, clothing, family budgets, etc.

Tentative plans for next year include further sewing and possibly a current events class. All these activities have brought our neighbors into close association with us, and many have been drawn into different departments of our church to our mutual enjoyment and benefit. Some one-time neighbors who have removed to Boston suburbs have felt the bond between us too strong to be broken and continue to be active and valued members of our Church and Alliance, and for all our efforts in friendliness we have been repaid one hundred fold.

(Address delivered at the annual meeting, May 21, 1919.)

Executive Board

At the regular meeting held June 13, Miss Lowell presiding, much routine business was transacted including the election of standing committees.

The resignation of Mrs. A. B. Kimball of Fairhaven, Mass., was accepted with great regret and with an expression of our appreciation of her fine service as director and as chairman of the College Centers committee.

Mrs. John H. Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., was elected Vice-President of Southern States East, the office held by Mrs. Peterson at the time of her death.

It was voted to ask Mrs. U. G. B. Pierce to represent The Alliance and convey the greetings of the Board to the Unitarian women she may meet on her trip with Dr. Pierce through the Northwest.

A letter from Mrs. Voigt, chairman of the International committee, described her recent visit to Signora Giulio, secretary of the Liberi Credenti in Turin, Italy, who by meetings at her own house and by printed articles is doing a most important work among liberal Catholics. The Board voted that the International committee be authorized to draw on the collection taken May 19 in Tremont Temple for our missionary work as they may think best.

After consideration of rooms at 16 Beacon Street, it has been decided that The Alliance will continue to have its office in Room 10 at 25 Beacon Street, and with the approval of the Fifield Memorial committee will fit up Room 2, the present bookroom, as the Emily A. Fifield Memorial Room, to be used by The Alliance, Association, and others as a committee room and for meetings that do not require as large a place as Channing Hall. The committee in charge of furnishing this room is made up of Miss Sawyer, chairman; Miss Ban-

croft, Miss Lowell, Mrs. Noyes, and Miss Whitman.

On hearing of the need of suitable windows in our church in Charleston, S. C., the Board by vote expressed its readiness to co-operate in bringing this to people's attention, that the necessary funds may be secured.

At the regular meeting held September 12, Miss Lowell presiding, twenty-three were present. It was a great pleasure to welcome Miss Spalding, our director from Los Angeles, Cal.

A letter of sympathy was voted to our director for New Jersey, Mrs. Donnell whose father's death occurred September 5.

On the recommendation of the Appeals committee it was voted to endorse and put before the branches the annual Appeals for Green Harbor, Meadville and Pacific School Students, Tuckerman School, and Italian Mission. Also to issue an Appeal for $500 for a Sunday School worker in co-operation with the Religious Education Department, and one for $100 for a special scholarship at the Tuckerman School.

The Social Service chairman, Mrs. James A. Bailey, Jr., asks for a committee in every branch, believing that this will prove a means of interesting the young people. Definite lines of work will be suggested. It was voted to endorse a special piece of Americanization work that it is hoped may be undertaken at Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, through the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women.

The International committee will continue to keep in close touch with England and Italy, and hopes soon to report on conditions in the near and far East, Hungary, Belgium, and perhaps Germany. The Board expressed by vote its desire that correspondence be resumed with Fraülein Barth of Frankfort and greetings sent.

Miss Lowell, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. John H. Lewis will be the delegates of The Alliance to the General Conference.

It was voted to accept with deep regret the resignation of Mrs. St. John as director for Eastern Pennsylvania, necessitated by her removal from Philadelphia.

Letters of greeting were received from the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union of India, and from Miss Herford for the International Union and British League. The Board unanimously adopted suggestions forwarded by Mrs. Cornish from England for an interchange of publications and for quarterly letters between the British League and The Alliance, together with a sympathetic study of the growth of Unitarianism in the two countries.

A letter from Mrs. Pelenyi "marooned in Holland" acknowledged with great appreciation the message sent by The Alliance at its annual meeting to the Unitarians of Transylvania and begged us to remember that there is a country in Europe where the afflicted population is Unitarian. "While they do not stand in the front rank of those to whom relief is being sent, it is perhaps not immodest to hope that our Transylvanian sisters may not be forgotten," said the letter.

The next meeting will occur October 14 in the Unitarian Parish House in Baltimore.

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

From Mrs. Blake Odgers.

Dear Miss Lowell:

The last act apportioned to me as retiring President of our British League is a very pleasant one. I am asked to send a letter to you on behalf of our women, conveying our cordial greetings to your Women's Alliance, and our heartfelt wishes that our growing knowledge of each other may increase as the years pass on.

Through our spiritual fellowship we can be united though the seas di-

vide us! Let us on each side be always ready to show our warm friendly feelings as the opportunity arises. And so may our own little island and your great continent draw more closely together and help make a better world where war shall be known no more!

Yours very sincerely,
FRANCES ODGERS.

London, June 19, 1919.

International Committee

Dear Members of The Alliance:

Beginning the first year of peace since 1913 your International Committee makes a stronger appeal than ever for your co-operation.

The liberty of peoples, to obtain which so many have died and suffered during the Great War, is but in its infancy and to strengthen it to full growth it behooves us to understand more fully than we heretofore have done the aims, ideals, character and temperaments of our foreign brothers and sisters.

Alliance members in a small but telling way can help this great international understanding by establishing closer and more intimate connections with the women in foreign lands who are laboring in the field of liberal religion.

Last May I had the privilege of making a short but very satisfactory trip to Turin where Signora Giulio and I had several heart to heart talks on the ideals and aims of The Alliance, as well as on other topics. I met at her home many Italian ladies who were not only most attractive but sympathetic and spiritual to a high degree.

Since my return I have received splendid notes from one or two and to illustrate the value of these closer international relationships I quote a paragraph or two from a letter of Signora Caligaris who by the way offers to translate into Italian for Madame Giulio anything we send over in English;—in her letter she says "I hope this letter of mine may reach America before you do to give you the greeting of a far away friend on your arrival home. It is with a really friendly feeling that I think of you who are the first American woman with whom I have come in touch in my whole life. I hope circumstances will multiply opportunities of friendly intercourse between nations because I think each one has her own special note to give the others.

"Noble ideals are rising and developing everywhere to further human progress and happiness and I feel very deeply that this is the only aim worth all our work and care and that is why my sympathy with you and your work is so great. I am sure The Alliance will prosper and be one of the many spiritual forces working for the improvement of moral consciousness and responsibility."

From France our dear Mrs. Weller appeals for the Russians who are fortunate in being under her care. They are men who were prisoners in Germany and now returned to France, where they number about 70,000. Those in Mrs. Weller's charge are sick or maimed, many of them having been wounded by exploding bombs while they were helping the French clear the devastated regions. Christmas is coming—these men have nothing. Indeed Mrs. Weller says that in Vitre there is no gas, little coal, no sugar, no chocolate, no tobacco, hardly any fruit and a limited amount of milk. She begs for comfort bags, socks, etc., for her men.

Will not as many women as are possibly able to do so supply her with comfort bags and socks, pads, pencils and other small comforts and necessities? Please send by parcel post, as express at present is most uncertain. Address—

Madame Katherine Weller,
Hospital, 10, Vitre,
Ille et Vilaine, FRANCE.

The work of the Crèche at Cap d'Antibes under the wonderful supervision of Mrs. Wilson and her daugh-

ters and Mrs. Riddett was a success beyond all expectations—and the same high quality of spiritual and material efficiency marks the management of the Garderie at Antibes where 30-40 children are daily cared for and nourished. Miss Wilson is in need of light colored pinafores for children 2-3 years old and boots and clothes for the refugees for there are still 262 in her neighborhood. She would also be grateful for scrap-books, boxes of paint and books suitable for young children. Address through parcel post—Miss Walbeoffe-Wilson,

Villa Mon Loisir, Cap d'Antibes,
Alpes Maritimes, FRANCE.

Your Chairman's pledge of 525 francs a month still goes on for the Garderie as the Creche is now closed, many of the children having gone away since the Armistice and gradual demobilization. She would again call the attention of the Alliances, Juniors and Sunday Schools to this most helpful and gratifying work for the French children, hoping for their continued interest and being very appreciative of their past support.

Affectionately yours,
JESSIE VOIGT.

September 14th, 1919. New York,

A GREETING TO OUR JUNIORS.

Vacation is over and the time has come for happy greetings and consultation as to plans for the winter's work. Now that we do not have to put all our energies into war service, a wealth of opportunity opens to us and there is danger that we fritter away our time in scattered effort. It is so hard for us to learn to concentrate on what is most worth while for *us* to do!

Gifts that grow are blest;
Hands that bless are blest.
Plant! Life does the rest.
Lucy Larcom.

This is from the poem, "Plant a Tree," and may mean many things to us. At this time, however, when so many communities are planting memorial trees, it has a special suggestion literally, which perhaps groups of Juniors might care to follow. Some may be drawn to help in the reforesting of France, which may be done through the American Forestry Association, Washington, D. C.

Whatever the work selected, may it prosper and warm our hearts toward one another and toward all the world.

LAURA R. DONNELL,
Chairman Junior Fellowship Com.

APPEALS.

At the June meeting of the Executive Board, the Committee on Appeals was asked to consider two Appeals to be voted upon as early as possible in the autumn.

1st. An Appeal for $100 as a special scholarship for a graduate nurse, who wishes to supplement her course with work at the Tuckerman School, to fit her for Unitarian missionary service.

2nd. An Appeal for $500 to be used in co-operation with the Religious Education Department of the American Unitarian Association in sending a trained worker to Sunday Schools and offering each the help it may need.

This is in line with the resolution adopted at the annual meeting for a survey of the Sunday School situation and a progressive campaign to strengthen the Sunday Schools.

Both these Appeals have been approved unanimously by the Committee and are placed before the branches for their consideration.

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Chairman Committee on Appeals.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$400.00
Meadville Students	250.00
Pacific School Students	250.00
Tuckerman School	250.00
Tuckerman School Special Scholarship	100.00
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	1,200.00
Sunday School Worker	500.00
Italian Mission	600.00

Co-operation between the Alliance and the Young People—also between the Sunday School and the Young People.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Houghton Page, *President*

Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Greetings to the Young People of our Denomination

Last year the Young People's Religious Union received word of the organization of twenty-eight new societies. We hope that more interest and enthusiasm will be shown this coming year. All the boys who have been in the service are needed in our young people's groups. Have you brought them back to your club? Try to bring new life to your young people and your church. The churches need us and we need the churches.

Suggestions for Topics.

Liberal Christianity and its Leaders.
The Work for the Blind.
Why We Need Community Houses.
Reconstruction War Work.
Ella Lyman Cabot's book, "Our Part in the World."
Dr. Fosdick's book, "The Manhood of the Master."
Liberal Christianity in India.
Co-operation between the Alliance and the Young People—also between the Sunday School and the Young People.
Denomination topics:
The Laymen's League.
Church Extension.
The Pension Fund.

Notices.

Y. P. R. U. Rallies:

October 5—Dedham.
October 12—Brockton.
October 19—Harvard Street Church, Cambridge.
October 26—Hudson.
November 2—Melrose.

Y. P. R. U. Fair:

November 7 and 8—South Congregational Church, Boston.

Please send contributions of articles and money for the Fair. The Y. P. R. U. will appreciate the support of all the young and older people in our denomination.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President*, Cambridge, Mass.
Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*, 344 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*, 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

BEER, THE STORM CENTRE

The Liquor Interests have decided that if they can fight long enough, they can repeal the Prohibition Amendment.

First, they will try to overturn the definition of intoxicating liquor. The Government is about to define it as anything over one half of one per cent alcohol. This in the States has been found to be the only definition suitable to good enforcement. The Liquor Interests want it defined as anything over four per cent by weight which is five per cent by volume (the usual way of reckoning). This is strong beer.

To get such a definition they are placing in various legislatures bills asking for this high definition of an intoxicating liquor. Rhode Island has already defined intoxicating liquor at something over four per cent alcohol.

Now these State laws, even if passed, will be illegal because out of harmony with the Federal Law. But the brewers want them for their sentimental effect. They will take them to Congress and say—"You see, the people want beer," and keep working until they get the right to define a non-intoxicating beverage high enough to include strong beer.

The pity of it is that it all sounds so plausible. People do not know how often these beer experiments have been tried and failed.

The Poster Campaign against alcohol of the Boston Associated Charities is bringing out some "Vote against Beer" envelopes. They give the facts about Beer. Send for them!

Such a fact, for example, as this, that an investigation made by the British Board of Liquor Control, 1916, showed 40% of men investigated owed their intoxication to beer, ale or stout. Another shows that in 1871, New Bedford was dry; in 1812 saloons were allowed to sell beer but no distilled liquor. Crime rose 681 per cent; arrests for drunkenness, 120 per cent.

There really is nothing in this five per cent beer proposition but the ruin of Prohibition—Talk against Beer—Vote against it.

THE UNITARIAN NATIONAL SOCIETIES

REPRESENTED IN THIS ISSUE OF WORD AND WORK

ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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